CHAPTER NO. 655

HOUSE BILL NO. 2973

By Representatives Cooper, Marrero, Lois DeBerry, Larry Turner, Henri Brooks, Miller

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 3038

By Senator Harper

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to reading instruction training for teachers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-108, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(e) On or before July 1, 2007, the department of education shall encourage institutions with authorized teacher training programs to evaluate all such programs to assure that persons seeking licensure in the state of Tennessee will have had appropriate instruction in the teaching of reading.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: April 24, 2006

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JOHN S. WILDER SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 12th day of May 2006

PHIL BREDESEN GOVERNOR